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Nymphus C. Murdock of Charleston had heard that George was an excellent blacksmith so he went to American Fork to urge him to come to Charleston where a blacksmith was badly needed. After a time George decided to go. They spent two days driving there. They lived over the Murdock store till George could build a home which they moved into in 1883. Ellen clerked in N. C. Murdock's store and George blacksmithed and farmed. Later they built a larger home and kept travelers. George prided himself on raising the best of everything to use on the table, including vegetables, small fruits and honey. He raised the first grapes in Charleston.

George worked to get free schooling for children through taxation. He believed in education and was determined his girls should have good schooling.

They were parents of three girls: Ellen Melvina, Lucy Amanda and Fanny Ladacy.

JOHN BATES JR. AND
LUCINA ANGELINE KELLER
BATES



John Bates Jr. born Jan. 13, 1842, a son of John Bates, Sr., and Hannah Draycott. His wife Lucina Angeline Keller was born

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April 6, 1848 in Salt Lake City. They lived first on a 160-acre homestead at Silver Creek, where they raised cattle and sheep. Soon they moved to the Bates ranch on the Provo river in Wasatch County. John Jr. died July 14, 1917. Lucina died Dec. 2, 1911.

They went through all the rigors of pioneering: building log cabins and pole fences around their farm. Lucina was busy with all her household tasks and sewing for her family of fourteen children.

Lucina Angeline was an excellent seamstress, making many beautiful dresses. She did much in caring for the sick and at times cooking for a large number of workers and neighbors. Water was some distance from their home so she did her washing on the rocks, near the stream, using her own homemade soap. She also made her own candles and wicks for coal-oil lamps.

There was always heavy snow in the winter and heavy runoff in the spring. Then, many hours were spent repairing the places where high water had washed out the road to Heber. Their ranch was close to Kansas, and not far from Francis, Summit County.

John helped build the two-room school house which was located in Francis, which many of their children attended.

Hunting and fishing were his favorite sports.

The children of John and Lucina were: Roxey Lucina, John Alvin, Emma Hannah, Hyrum Daniel, William Thades, Mary Ann Eliza, Oren Lathe, Samuel Arzo, Nancy Ann, Arthur, Maybelle Angeline, Flossy Metelda, Violet and Irene Bertha.

GEORGE LEO BATTY AND HIS
WIVES FRELIA MECHAM,
HAZEL CURTIS AND PEARL
WILLIE

George L. Batty was born in Wallsbury, Wasatch County, to Miles and Mary Mecham Batty December 1, 1871.

George helped his father a great deal as he sheared sheep, too. He was always very much interested in athletics and went to dances up until 1955.

He had a great sense of humor and never lost it.

He died at the age of 88, on March 28, 1960.

He married Frelia Mecham. Their children were: Mellie and May, Stella, George Franklin, Georgia Alberta, Wallace L., Lynn and Leo, John Vance.

Frelia died March 2, 1917. He later married Hazel Curtis. They had a son, Curtis LeRoy. Hazel died December 18, 1926. George then married Pearl Willie. She died on October 29, 1940.

George lived alone until about eight years ago, when his eyes failed, so the children took him into their homes and cared for him.

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Sheep raiser
Wallsbury

MILES BATTY AND MARY HENRIETTA MECHAM

Miles Batty, son of Joseph Batty and Nancy Barker, born March 2, 1832, at Ossett, Yorkshire, England. He died April 4, 1913. Married Mary Henrietta Mecham July 24, 1864, Salt Lake City, daughter of Ephraim Mecham and Polly Derby, Utah pioneers of 1852. She was born April 10, 1848, at Cainesville, Iowa, and died December 21, 1899, at Wallsburg, Utah.

Miles had heard the Mormon Elders preaching and was very interested. This in-

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Sheepman

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terest caused bad feelings in his family. He was saving money out of his small wages to come to America. His mother found this while straightening his drawer and learned by questioning about his plans to go to America. His parents almost disowned him.

At 17 years of age he left by sail boat for America. In 1850 he came to Utah with the A. O. Smoot merchandising train, walking and driving an ox team. He lived with Parley P. Pratt after he arrived. His possessions were a pair of thin trousers, a calico shirt, an old straw hat and a pair of shoes. He was hired to tend cattle and sheep and after some time was discharged without any pay and his clothes were threadbare.

Next he lived with a Rank family for years. During this time he learned the trade of masonry from a man named Romell. Also he became a first-class mechanic, a trade he followed much of his life. Later he lived with the Ephraim and Polly Mecham family, where he fell in love with and married their daughter, Mary Henriette.

He followed his trade of plastering. In 1883 he bought a farm in Wallsburg. In February, 1887, he took a contract to lath and plaster the officers' quarters being built in Ft. Duchesne. On February 6th, he and his sons, Miles M. and Ephraim A., left Wallsburg for Midway, where John, Arthur, Joe and Will Watkins, John Mantle and John Abplanalp with their teams and outfits joined them. They left on the 7th and got to McGuire's mill in Daniel Canyon the next day to the head of the canyon. From there on across Strawberry Valley. They had a terrible journey fighting five and six-foot drifts of snow. They had to pack their belongings on the horses and leave their wagons and sleighs behind and walk. There was little to eat, their clothes were wet and their hands and feet were frozen. Many more trials beset them. It took them 12 days to reach Ft. Duchesne. They only had food for five days. They finished lathing and plastering these quarters toward the end of May and went to Fort Bridger to plaster houses. When this work was finished they went by train to Park City and walked home from there. They had been gone six months.

In October 1888, Miles took a contract to plaster the soldiers' quarters at Fort Duchesne, also the hospital. He and Ephraim

Batty and Ephraim Haws did this job. As before, the weather was very stormy and cold and did much to hinder their work.

In 1907 his son Miles M. went on a mission to England and was called to preside over the branch at Halifax, Yorkshire, at the home town of his father. His father visited there, too, at this time, 60 years after he left. His niece, Eliza Thorpe, took him to his old home to see his youngest sister, Elizabeth, the only one left there. He visited many familiar places.

He resided in Wanship and Wallsburg, Utah.

Their children were: Miles Marquis, Ephraim Albert, Mary Elvira, George Leo, Charles Hugh, William Wallace, Celestia Vilate and Emma Alberta.

Ted Benion was manager
of the Desert Land & Livestock Co.
& ran sheep in western Wyoming

Ted Benion
Dora Jones
Verne Jones
Wallace

Ted Benion
Dora Jones



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Driver & guide in seat
Ted Benion & Dora Jones
3 strangers on the bus
Back seat: Lizzie (Mrs Tom) Jones
Jim Lindsay & Vera Kasband